

A regular meeting of the Cultural Heritage Commission convened at 8:32 A.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Laura Brasser
E. Thor Carlson
Doris Felix
Karen Highberger
John Malveaux
William Wynne
Kevin Motschall, Vice Chair
Layne Johnson, Chair

EX OFFICIO: Stanley E. Poe

ABSENT: " : Julie Bartolotto (Excused)
Mike Burrous
Kevin Doherty
Ana Maria McGuan
Dan Pressburg
Brian Ulaszewski
Kerrie Weaver (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Jan Ostashay, Historic Preservation Officer
Shaine Klima, Historic Preservation Aide
Nancy Muth, City Clerk Specialist

Chair Johnson presiding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no objection, Chair Johnson declared that the minutes of the meeting held February 15, 2006, be approved as submitted.

Commissioner Ulaszewski entered.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

There being no objection, Chair Johnson announced that Agenda Nos. 6 – Staff Report, WPA Mosaic/Project Status, and 5.c. – Julian Ship Supplies building, would be considered at this time.

WPA Mosaic/Project Status

Jan Ostashay, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Commissioner McGuan entered.

Patrick West, Director of Community Development, Jae Von Klug, Redevelopment Project Officer, and Barbara Kaiser, Redevelopment Bureau Manager, advised that the developer for the project at 71 East Third Street (WPA mosaic site) had withdrawn; distributed information and commented regarding alternative development concepts being considered, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record; and responded to questions.

Commissioners Doherty and Burrous entered during the presentation.

Landmark Designation, 505 W. Broadway (Julian Ship Supplies Building)

Jan Ostashay, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record; and responded to questions.

Commissioner Pressburg entered.

Patrick West, Director of Community Development, Jae Von Klug, Redevelopment Project Officer, and Barbara Kaiser, Redevelopment Bureau Manager, spoke regarding the proposed project for the 505 W. Broadway property; indicated that the Julian Ship Supply building would not fit into the currently planned development; and suggested that a photographic display in the lobby could provide a historic record of the building.

Maureen Neely, 247 Termino Avenue, spoke regarding improved communication between the Departments of Community Development and Planning and Building, and the Historic Preservation Office.

Sarah Arnold, 261 Newport Avenue, spoke in favor of adaptive reuse; suggested starting fresh with the proposed project; and noted that the owner, at the time the historic landmark nomination was begun, supported the designation.

Commissioner Carlson moved, seconded by Commissioner Brasser, that the Julian Ship Supply building at 505 W. Broadway, be nominated for historic landmark designation.

Richard Fehr, 628 W. 10th Street, submitted a petition in favor of historic landmark status for the Julian Ship Supply building, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record; and spoke regarding adaptive reuse at the current location, or relocating the building.

Following a discussion regarding three possible options – saving and retaining the building for adaptive reuse, relocating with adaptive reuse, or demolishing for a new development, the Commission requested that the Redevelopment Bureau staff contact the developer regarding possible adaptive reuse, and research possible relocation sites.

As a substitute motion, Commissioner Burrous moved, seconded by Commissioner Malveaux, that the designation of landmark status for 505 W. Broadway be laid over for the Redevelopment Bureau to investigate adaptive reuse and relocation options, and return to the Commission at the April meeting.

Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Burrous, Carlson, Doherty, Highberger, Malveaux, McGuan, Pressburg, Ulaszewski.
NOES:	"	: Brasser, Felix, Wynne, Motschall.
ABSENT:	"	: Bartolotto, Weaver.
ABSTAINED:	"	: Johnson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Certificate of Appropriateness for Alteration/Addition, 855 Elm Street

Jan Ostashay, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record; and responded to questions.

Paul Gerst, Sequoia Deployment Services, Inc., One Venture, Suite 200, Irvine, representing T-Mobile, and David Slayton, 855 Elm Avenue, representative for the Scottish Rite organization, spoke regarding the proposed project and various options that would work; and responded to questions.

Commissioner Burrous moved, seconded by Commissioner Pressburg, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations and addition at 855 Elm Street be approved with the following configuration: replace the existing flag pole with a seven (7) inch diameter straight pole at the same height, replace the existing metal rooftop vent pipe with cap with a fiberglass pipe in the same dimensions, form and features; install the equipment on the lower level roof with a six (6) foot screen; and return to staff with final detail design. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Brasser, Burrous, Carlson Doherty, Felix, Highberger, Malveaux, McGuan, Pressburg, Ulaszewski, Wynne.
NOES:	"	: Motschall.
ABSENT:	"	: Bartolotto, Weaver.
ABSTAINED:	"	: Johnson.

NEW BUSINESS

Certificate of Appropriateness for Addition, 3586 California Avenue

Jan Ostashay, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record; and responded to questions.

Justin and Melia Wallin spoke regarding the proposed project; and responded to questions concerning the windows, doors, and drive way.

Commissioner Motschall moved, seconded by Commissioner Ulaszewski, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for addition at 3586 California Avenue be approved as submitted, based on Secretary of Interior Standards Nos. 2, 9, and 10, with further details regarding the windows, the vent locations, and the possible entry from house to driveway being returned to staff for approval. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Brasser,Burrous,Carlson, Doherty,Felix,Highberger, Malveaux,McGuan,Pressburg, Ulaszewski,Wynne,Motschall.
NOES:	"	: None.
ABSENT:	"	: Bartolotto,Weaver.
ABSTAINED:	"	: Johnson.

At 10:27 A.M., Chair Johnson declared a recess.

The meeting reconvened at 10:39 A.M.

PRESENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	Laura Brasser Mike Burrous E. Thor Carlson Kevin Doherty Doris Felix Karen Highberger John Malveaux Ana Maria McGuan Dan Pressburg Brian Ulaszewski William Wynne Kevin Motschall, Vice Chair Layne Johnson, Chair
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EX OFFICIO: Stanley E. Poe

ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	Julie Bartolotto (Excused) Kerrie Weaver (Excused)
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ALSO PRESENT: Jan Ostashay, Historic Preservation Officer
Shaine Klima, Historic Preservation Aide
Nancy Muth, City Clerk Specialist

Chair Johnson presiding.

Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition/New Construction, 2810 E. First Street

Jan Ostashay, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record; and responded to questions.

Doug Otto, attorney, 111 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 1300, distributed and discussed correspondence dated March 15, 2006, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record; provided the project's historic background; described the condition of the structure's stucco, studs and foundation; and responded to questions.

A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Wynne moved, seconded by Commissioner Burrous, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for a demolition permit for 2810 E. First Street be approved.

A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Wynne, with the consent of the second, withdrew the main motion.

A discussion ensued regarding the necessity for action under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or an Environmental Impact Report.

Mohammad Movahedi, owner, spoke regarding the project and the property; and responded to questions.

Commissioner Doherty moved, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition and new construction at 2810 E. First Street be laid over to allow staff to work with the Department of Planning and Building to avoid the issuance of a demolition permit and still allow the applicant to proceed with reconstruction.

A discussion ensued.

As a substitute motion, Commissioner Wynne moved, seconded by Commissioner Pressburg, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition and new construction at 2810 E. First Street be approved as submitted, based on Secretary of Interior Standards Nos. 2, 5 and 9, with the stipulation that staff work with the Department of Planning and Building to remove the demolition requirement from the Certificate of Appropriateness and the plans, and that clarification and details return to the Commission. The motion passed by the following vote:

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AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Brasser,Burrous,Highberger, McGuan,Pressburg,Ulaszewski, Wynne,Motschall.
NOES:	"	: Carlson,Doherty,Felix,Malveaux.
ABSENT:	"	: Bartolotto,Weaver.
ABSTAINED:	"	: Johnson.

STAFF REPORT

Jan Ostashay, Historic Preservation Officer, narrated the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record; advised that a Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association 2005-06 grant was awarded to the City for the first phase of the citywide survey in the amount of \$29,800; and announced the awards ceremony for dispersing the grants was scheduled for March 22, 2006.

Shaine Klima, Historic Preservation Aide, provided a status report in response to Commissioner Weaver regarding various projects at properties in the California Heights Historic District, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ulaszewski announced a March 25, 2006 panel regarding Creating, Expanding and Maintaining Historic Districts, which was sponsored by Long Beach Heritage and the City of Long Beach; and suggested the Department of Planning and Building provide a dedicated staff member to enhance communication.

Commissioner Malveaux announced Women's History Month.

Commissioner Wynne announced an event with tours entitled Kaboom III on March 25, 2006 in Santa Monica regarding prefabricated housing.

Commissioner Brasser expressed concerns regarding the future demolition of a building at Fourth Street and Long Beach Boulevard and the loss of historic fabric throughout the City.

Commissioner Motschall expressed concern regarding the future of the County Courthouse building at Ocean Boulevard and Magnolia Avenue; the reoccurring destruction of Bluff Park Historic District homes; and establishing a mechanism to prevent the erosion of historic fabric in the Bluff Park Historic District.

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Chair Johnson indicated that an Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee was established to deal with that problem; that it should be the next Ad Hoc Committee to meet when the By Laws Committee had completed drafting the by laws; and that Commissioners Pressburg and Felix, Chair Johnson, and an outside architect would compose the Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee.

Ex Officio Commissioner Poe requested a report be provided to the Commission of the projects approved over the counter by staff; and issued an invitation to the March 26, 2006, Long Beach Heritage general meeting at the Ebell Club at 290 Cerritos Avenue, with an opportunity to tour the building and the new condominiums.

In response to Ex Officio Commissioner Poe's remarks, Chair Johnson suggested that a report of projects approved by staff over the counter be presented on the agenda as a receive and file item, and projects of mild interests to the Commission might be presented on the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Pressburg announced that the North Long Beach Community Action Group received a grant from Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association for a North Long Beach historic resources survey.

Commissioner McGuan spoke regarding the By Laws; requested additional training for the Commissioners; and suggested looking into the California Endowment Grant application.

Commissioner Doherty requested a status report regarding the permitting of the block wall at the Craftsman home located on the corner of Colorado Street and Orizaba Avenue.

Commissioner Burrous discussed a new project for the restoration of the Hollywood Bowl fountain; and reported regarding the grants awarded from the Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:25 P.M., there being no objection, Chair Johnson declared the meeting adjourned.